

**GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES (No Quorum)***

October 8, 2009

**There was no quorum present at the October 8th meeting so no official minutes were prepared. These following minutes are provided to document the discussions at the meeting.*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gretchen Rupp
Steve White
Kathy Gallagher
Kaaren Jacobsen

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sherwin Leep
Dave Hebner
Mark Criner
El Bennett
Bozeman At-Large (Vacant)

GLWQD STAFF PRESENT:

Alan English, Manager
Tammy Crone, Water Quality Specialist
Baker Lyon, Water Quality Specialist

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT:

C.B. Dormire, Planning Board
Sean O'Callaghan, Planning Dept.
Erin Zindt, Environmental Health

PUBLIC AND GUESTS:

Bill & Marge Hunt
Earl Mathers, County Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gretchen Rupp chaired the meeting in Sherwin's absence. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

II. RECOGNITION OF BILL HUNT

Staff invited former Board member Bill Hunt to attend the meeting. His wife Marge Hunt also attended. Alan English thanked Bill for all of his work on behalf of the Board, and presented him with a GLWQD jacket in appreciation.

III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the September 3, 2009 Board meeting could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum. Approval of the minutes will be placed on the November meeting agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

IV. STAFF UPDATE:

Alan provided an overview of Staff Update which was distributed to Board members at the beginning of the meeting. The Board discussed staff concerns regarding a requirement by Court Services to have GLWQD staff fingerprinted for security reasons. Alan said he was going to meet with Court Services Director Eric Bryson to see if there were any other options. Earl

Mathers, Gallatin County Administrative Office, was present. He indicated he would also check into the issue and see if there was some other solution possible.

There was a discussion on DNRC-RDGP pharmaceutical sampling project. Gretchen recommended that when a press release is made about the results of this project that the Board and staff should be prepared to address public concerns. Alan stated that staff will develop a fact sheet for the report, and develop public education information on proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. There was a brief discussion about the wastewater project for the Planning Board Wastewater & Water Subcommittee. C.B. stated the committee had a discussion with the Commissioners about making a preliminary presentation on the wastewater report. Nothing has developed yet. Alan stated they could hold a meeting in the community room to make a presentation to the public.

V. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Alan met with Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder Charlotte Mills to discuss the process and what the role of the Clerk and Recorder's office would be. It was learned that once we provide a map of the new boundary area, and a legal description for the proposed new land areas, the Clerk and Recorder's office will provide this information to the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer will determine which properties in the new area have improvements, and will generate a mailing list of impacted property owners. The Clerk and Recorder's office has offered to prepare the written notices for mailing that are required by statute.

Both offices would rather do this after the November elections, and the November tax collection period, preferably sometime in December or early January. Alan is considering doing the mailing as a postcard, which would reduce costs. The postcard will have general information on the Districts location, mission, and activities. It would also include an internet address for additional information, and a contact phone number for questions. Staff would prepare a web page with a map on the District website to provide information to the public.

The general process would be that the GLWQD Board would hold a hearing and pass a Resolution of Intent to change the boundary. Once passed, the Resolution of Intent would need to be publicly noticed, and the post cards would be mailed to impacted property owners. A 30-day protest period would start with the first public notice. If the Resolution of Intent was passed at the December meeting, we would probably have to wait until February to hold the final hearing, which would be a hearing to discuss and consider passage of the Resolution to Change the boundary. Alan also mentioned that he had filed a request to have the Gallatin County Attorney's office provide some oversight of the process.

Gretchen expressed concern about the lack of progress in getting the boundary change completed. Alan agreed that it has been on the back burner for some time, but at this point the schedules of the Clerk and Recorder and Treasurer are a limiting factor. Alan also mentioned that when the process starts to move forward, staff will probably do some additional outreach in the impacted areas.

VI. BOZEMAN SOLVENT SITE UPDATE

Alan informed the Board that the Final Report on the injection pilot test has been released. Based on the consultant's report, it appears positive, indicating that the process was effective. However, Alan noted that he has not reviewed the report yet. One noted concern was that the degradation of PCE due to the injection test could stop at vinyl chloride, which is also very toxic. The vapor study is also in progress. Kaaren stated that vapors were found in area soils at levels that have triggered additional investigation, including residential indoor air sampling north of the shopping mall site. Kaaren stated that the City's Attorney's are concerned that DEQ won't want to move forward as quickly on this as the City wants to. Alan stated if that is the case, then the GLWQD and the Board of Health possibly could try and assist if desired.

VII. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Postponed due to lack of a quorum.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Alan mentioned that he wants to organize a wastewater facility field trip for the Board of Health and GLWQD Board. He has made preliminary contacts with Bozeman WWTP and the Manhattan facility. Board members expressed interest in participating when this happens

IX. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Approval of September 2009 Meeting Minutes
Continued discussion on District Boundary Expansion
Election of Board Officers

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next meeting November 5, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

N/A
Sherwin Leep, Chair

Date

N/A
Steve White, Secretary

Date

N/A
Alan English, District Manager

Date